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**FORMER U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING FEMALE SOLDIERS**

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco, 26-year-old Clenard Marell Simmons, former member of the U.S. Army First Cavalry Division stationed at Ft. Hood, was sentenced earlier today to 30 years in federal prison for abusive sexual contact and aggravated sexual abuse.

In addition to the prison term, United States Chief District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., ordered Simmons to pay a \$5,000 fine and be placed under supervised release for a period of 25 years after completing his prison term.

On April 5, 2007, Simmons pleaded guilty to four counts of abusive sexual contact and one count of aggravated sexual abuse. By pleading guilty, Simmons admitted that in five separate incidents between February 2004 and May 2005, he knowingly threatened and sexually abused five female soldiers. Four of these incidents occurred at Ft. Hood; the fifth, at Camp Ferrin-Huggins (a.k.a.. Camp Falcon) near Baghdad in the Republic of Iraq. Simmons' term of Army service expired on May 31, 2005.

According to court documents, El Paso Police detectives, investigating several sexual assault and burglary incidents on the city's Westside, arrested Simmons on August 2, 2005. After his arrest, Simmons confessed to being the perpetrator of the El Paso crimes as well as the incidents on Ft. Hood and Camp Ferrin-Huggins.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID), Federal Bureau of Investigation and the El Paso Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Mark Frazier and Special Assistant United States Attorney Sam Gregory prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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